

Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.
Technical Committee Minutes
April 18, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM Thursday April 18, 2002. Those present were as follows: Mr. Kent Ward, Hamilton County Surveyor; Mrs. Tricia Banta, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Mr. Rusty Spiars, Woolpert; Ms. Chris Lascelles, American Consulting; Mr. Marcus Turner, American Consulting.

Review of Minutes of February 15, 2002 Meeting:

There were no changes made. The minutes were approved.

Survey Update:

Mr. Spiars stated that he had made some contacts, the more readable it is, the more accessible to IDEM.

Review of the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters:

Mr. Ward stated that Mr. Hall was to bring some information on this and have it broken down as to what streams are in the Upper White.

Guide Settle – Citizens Advisory Committee for the White River Fish Kill:

Mr. Hall had the information on the GIS project for details project and the budget.

Mr. Turner asked where this came from?

Mr. Ward stated that it has been talked about.

Mr. Turner asked if this was something that Upper White solicited the Citizens Advisory Committee about?

Mr. Ward stated that he believed that was correct.

Stormwater Phase II Update:

Rule – Mr. Ward stated that the rule is still being revised, there is a comparison that IDEM has passed out of the videoconference they had a week ago.

Mr. Spiars stated that he believed that IDEM was not sure what EPA called for.

Mr. Ward stated that he talked with Mark and they are looking at the first five year period twelve inches or above on outfalls on all the open ditches. The language states two feet minimum bottom width and above. They talked about doing a certain portion of it the first five-year period and doing the rest during the second five-year permit period. The rule is supposed to go to the water pollution control Board May 8.

Mr. Spiars asked if legislature addressed stormwater?

Mr. Ward stated that it was in House Bill 1138, it allowed the County Drainage Board or a new Stormwater Board to create a special taxing district. Lake County did not like it because it did not put everything with the Drainage Board. In the conference committee that language got stripped out completely and nothing from Phase II went through.

Guidance Document - Mr. Ward stated that there is an external work group putting that together. They have divided it up into different areas and have assigned people to work on specific areas. He stated that he was working on the post construction items. The BMP Listing that was put together was distributed at the last meeting and well received among those that are putting things together.

Mr. Spiars asked if they were putting together a separate guidance document for rule 5 or are they putting it together with this guidance document?

Mr. Ward stated that the erosion control would be part of the guidance document that they are doing for Rule 13. He stated that he had not heard about Rule 5.

Ms. Lascelles stated that in Rule 13 there is a mandate for the MS 4 to implement their own Rule 5 program. The only guidance in that is the guidance to the MS 4's on how to implement Rule 5. The individual MS 4's will have to come up with their own guidance document on how individuals will implement Rule 5 in under their jurisdiction.

Mr. Spiars asked if this guidance document they are talking about now would address erosion control programs?

Mr. Ward stated that it would have to. There is a guidance document of sorts through DNR on erosion control.

Ms. Lascelles stated that she believed that it was being revised also.

There was no other business.

Set Meeting Date:

The next meeting was set for Thursday June 20, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kenton C. Ward
UWRWA Technical Committee Chairman